

Defining Implementation



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Scope of Issues

- ✓ What is coastal nonpoint program implementation?
- ✓ 5-year implementation plan/15-year strategy
- ✓ Use of the \$10M “to implement programs developed pursuant to Section 6217”
- ✓ Programmatic evaluation
- ✓ Auto-incorporation



CNPCP Implementation

- ✓ What does “nonpoint implementation” mean?
 - *Life after having met all your program conditions*
 - *What everyone is doing regardless of full or conditional approval status*
- ✓ What does it look like? Is it different for fully approved vs. conditionally approved programs?
 - *The key message: define a niche for your program*
 - Identify clear outcomes, target funding



5/15 Year Plan/Strategy

- ✓ What were NOAA/EPA seeking via the Administrative Changes
- ✓ Whose have we approved
 - *AK, CA, DE, HI, ME, MA, MD, PR, SC, VA, VI, WA*
 - *Use of the nonpoint source management plan upgrade process versus a stand-alone document*



Implementation Funding

- ✓ What is an “implementation project”
 - *FY2001 and 2002 project summaries*
- ✓ Can an implementation project help meet conditions?
- ✓ What are funding alternatives to support projects to meet conditions
 - *Section 309*
 - *EPA Section 319 \$100,000 commitment in FY01 and 02*
 - *Section 306*



Programmatic Evaluation

- ✓ Should evaluation occur during Section 312 reviews or through a separate process?
- ✓ What is the basis for evaluation
 - *Defining program success – some thoughts:*
 - Progress in meeting conditions
 - Successful implementation of management measures
 - Compliance with 5/15 year plan/strategy
 - Others?



Autoincorporation

✓ What's required?

- *State coastal management programs must contain the enforceable policies and mechanisms required to implement their CNPCP*
- *NOAA and EPA 1993 guidance stated that when fully approved, nonpoint programs would be incorporated automatically into coastal programs*



Autoincorporation, cont.

- ✓ What's the Process?
 - *Provide list of elements to be incorporated*
 - *Public notice*
- ✓ It's been almost 7 years since nonpoint programs were submitted. Can the process still be used?
 - *Options/Alternatives?*
- ✓ Is the process worth undertaking?
 - *Only example: New Hampshire*